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1. WHEN EMBOFF RAISED REFTTEL POINTS WITH UNEP
DEPUTY EX DIR TOLBA MARCH 13, LATTER SAID SECRETARIAT
PLANNING AS PART GC-II DOCUMENTATION A SHORT NOTE
FROM EX DIR EXPLAINING THAT ENERGY REPORT COULD NOT
BE PRESENTED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE EXPERT PANEL, WHICH
MET IN NYC IN FEB., HAD FOUND IT TOO FULL OF GAPS AND
HAD RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE DRASTICALLY REVISED BY
ANOTHER EXPANDED PANEL OF EXPERTS WORKING OVER A
LONGER PERIOD.

2. DOCUMENT WILL ALSO NOTE THAT EXPERT PANEL MADE
CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNEP'S ROLE IN THE ENERGY
FIELD, AND THAT AFTER STUDYING THESE, THE SECRETARIAT
WISHES TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AS BEING
APPROPRIATE FOR UNEP:

A. ADVICE ON ENVIORINMENTAL EFFECTS OF ENERGY.

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B. SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS OF EMISSION.

C. USE OF WASTES, PARTICULARLY WASTE HEAT.

D. SUPPORT OF SOME RESEARCH IN AREA OF ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGIES MOST SUITED TO LDC'S POSSIBLY INCLUDING A PILOT PROJECT OR TWO.

3. WHEN EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT USG MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY SUPPORTING UNEP INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH A COSTLY FIELD AS RESEARCH ON ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY, TOLBA SAID UNEP THINKING IN TERMS OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGIES (SOLAR ENERGY, WIND POWER ETC.). IF FELT IT SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE LDC'S TO CONSIDER ALTERNATE, READILY AVAILABLE ENERGY SOURCES RATHER THAN ADDING TO STRAIN ON WORLD'S LIMITED RESOURCES BY RELYING HEAVILY ON NUCLEAR POWER. TOLBA ADDED HE HOPED USG WOULD NOT HAVE TROUBLE WITH UNEP'S ENERGY PROGRAM, AS IT WAS EXPECTED TO BE VERY MODEST. WHILE SUGGESTED PROGRAM HAS NOT YET BEEN COSTED OUT BY THE FUND, HE HIMSELF IS THINKING IN TERMS OF A \$500,000 TOTAL PROGRAM.
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